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G. OIKAWA et al

Serial No. 09/784,141

Group Art Unit: 2653

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For: MAGNETIC THIN FILM HEAD, THE FABRICATION
METHOD, AND MAGNETIC DISK

AMENDMENT

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In response to the Office Action mailed May 20, 2004,
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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ☒ No additional fee is required.

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